

**PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Plaquemines is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	14,239	2,683,516
1960	22,545	3,257,022
1970	25,225	3,644,637
1980	26,049	4,205,900
1990	25,575	4,219,973
1991	25,660	4,251,560
1992	25,869	4,287,195
1993	26,075	4,295,477
1994	25,626	4,315,085
1995	25,821	4,339,352
1996	25,719	4,350,579
1997	25,965	4,351,769
1998	26,407	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

Plaquemines Parish has no municipal entities.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$14,257	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$14,838	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$14,839	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$16,381	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$17,687	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$17,752	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$18,613	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$19,580	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Plaquemines Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$187,879	\$54,016	\$14,985	\$68,419	\$1,761	\$3,294
1992	\$208,862	\$55,154	\$17,180	\$84,792	\$2,694	\$3,819
1993	\$220,382	\$58,002	\$20,162	\$83,354	\$2,934	\$3,775
1994	\$187,762	\$31,161	\$34,073	\$78,593	\$1,872	\$8,028
1995	\$197,601	\$31,045	\$38,577	\$71,853	\$2,256	\$9,276
1996	\$191,632	\$30,854	\$38,685	\$60,509	\$2,250	\$9,205
1997	\$201,901	\$32,365	\$43,702	\$63,350	\$2,446	\$10,397

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Plaquemines as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
PLAQUEMINES PARISH	3		3	4	7

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$37,525	\$43,805	\$40,190	\$52,370	\$54,673
February	\$30,505	\$24,323	\$37,711	\$33,881	\$37,287
March	\$25,319	\$29,669	\$33,438	\$31,834	\$45,483
April	\$36,844	\$34,248	\$43,654	\$41,647	\$50,381
May	\$28,353	\$30,458	\$38,546	\$36,576	\$41,994
June	\$27,238	\$33,007	\$33,009	\$46,634	\$45,464
July	\$32,148	\$40,863	\$54,863	\$42,415	\$57,048
August	\$29,797	\$31,404	\$38,970	\$37,428	\$40,515
September	\$31,220	\$30,119	\$35,750	\$40,276	\$78,080
October	\$30,751	\$37,887	\$41,586	\$45,155	\$60,470
November	\$35,942	\$38,513	\$40,905	\$38,177	\$45,670
December	\$30,746	\$34,696	\$82,607	\$19,114	\$42,811
Annual Total	\$376,386	\$408,990	\$521,230	\$465,506	\$599,875

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Plaquemines is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$351,432,055	\$20,531,275	\$371,963,330
1991	\$374,661,330	\$21,121,105	\$395,782,435
1992	\$354,288,300	\$21,547,385	\$375,835,685
1993	\$349,886,620	\$22,073,685	\$371,960,305
1994	\$360,053,815	\$23,607,135	\$383,660,950
1995	\$383,129,865	\$24,341,285	\$407,471,150
1996	\$411,527,965	\$26,409,045	\$437,937,010
1997	\$420,707,055	\$26,877,595	\$447,584,650
1998	\$430,696,460	\$27,484,155	\$458,180,615

Source: Plaquemines Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$67,783,520	\$238,204,180	\$65,975,630
1991	\$67,737,665	\$254,744,620	\$73,300,150
1992	\$70,430,770	\$231,913,735	\$73,491,180
1993	\$71,843,060	\$221,796,455	\$78,320,790
1994	\$74,118,740	\$226,058,610	\$83,483,600
1995	\$76,153,120	\$237,558,720	\$93,759,310
1996	\$83,114,845	\$253,041,405	\$101,780,760
1997	\$83,794,940	\$255,663,990	\$108,125,720
1998	\$86,262,555	\$256,196,920	\$115,721,140

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Plaquemines follows:

Year	Millage
1990	44.97
1991	44.36
1992	54.85
1993	55.66
1994	54.19
1995	54.24
1996	53.82
1997	53.42
1998	53.42

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Plaquemines Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Plaquemines in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. CHEVRON USA INC.	\$32,812,550
2. BRITISH PETROLEUM	\$31,434,365
3. OCEAN ENERGY INC	\$21,590,295
4. KIRBY INLAND MARINE	\$17,290,820
5. ELECTRO COAL TRANSFER	\$12,373,830
6. GENERAL AMERICAN	\$10,149,370
7. FREEPORT MCMORAN, INC.	\$9,210,125
8. SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS	\$8,900,140
9. HOLLYWOOD MARINE	\$8,773,000
10. HARVEST STATE COOP.	\$7,587,095

Source: Plaquemines Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Plaquemines Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	4,694	4,731	4,956	4,930
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	5,088	5,071	5,157	5,109
PUBLIC	4,422	5,286	5,600	5,115

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Plaquemines Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$28,788	\$28,563	\$30,050	\$30,994
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,732	\$5,141	\$6,564	\$5,847
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$1,470,715	\$183,507	\$4,546,353	\$8,843,827
DEBT SERVICE	\$2,152,540	\$2,149,983	\$2,154,744	\$2,201,102
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$24,078,264	\$26,295,231	\$27,881,695	\$29,391,301

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.